

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for holding at least one fragile item comprising:  
a support frame including an interior slot formed by a pair of opposed side walls; and  
a support panel mounted in said interior slot of ~~mounted within~~ the support frame, wherein the support frame further includes at least one elongated longitudinal channel formed in each of at least three an external surfaces thereof thereby providing an area of attachment via a fastening device to any portion along the channel of the support frame, each of said elongated longitudinal channels including a pair of legs to partially enclose a portion of said channels for receiving said fastening device.
2. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein the support frame is an extrusion.
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising a fastening means provided in the channels of the support frame for attaching accessory parts to the support frame.
5. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 4, wherein the fastening means comprises a spring nut and bolt arrangement.
6. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, wherein an interior surface of the support frame includes means for mounting the support panel within the support frame.
7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising~~  
An apparatus for holding at least one fragile item comprising:

a support frame;

a support panel mounted within the support frame, wherein the support frame  
includes at least one elongated longitudinal channel formed in an external surface thereof  
thereby providing an area of attachment to any portion along the channel of the support  
frame; and

at least two spaced apart support frames connected by elongated members to  
form a cavity box wherein the elongated members are attached to the support frames by  
fastening means provided in the at least one channel of the support frame.

9. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 8, further comprising at least one  
panel member mounted to an exterior of said cavity box.

10. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 8, further comprising at least one  
further support frame mounted within the cavity box for mounting a fragile article thereon.

11. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising means for  
mounting the support frame to a wall.

12. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 11, further comprising a  
substantially transparent panel mounted to the support frame to create a display case.

13. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 12, further comprising a gasket  
provided between the substantially transparent panel and the support frame.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising~~  
An apparatus for holding at least one fragile item comprising:

a support frame;

a support panel mounted within the support frame, wherein the support frame includes at least one elongated longitudinal channel formed in an external surface thereof thereby providing an area of attachment to any portion along the channel of the support frame;

a substantially transparent panel mounted to the support frame to create a display case; and

an enclosure frame secured to the at least one channel of the support frame.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising~~  
An apparatus for holding at least one fragile item comprising:

a support frame;

a support panel mounted within the support frame, wherein the support frame includes at least one elongated longitudinal channel formed in an external surface thereof thereby providing an area of attachment to any portion along the channel of the support frame; and

pipe/tube supports mounted to the at least one channel of the support frame.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus as defined in claim 1, further comprising~~  
An apparatus for holding at least one fragile item comprising:

a support frame, wherein the support frame includes a channel on each of the front and back surface thereof and further comprising front and back panels secured to the channels in the support frames to create an enclosure; and

a support panel mounted within the support frame, wherein the support frame includes at least one elongated longitudinal channel formed in an external surface thereof thereby providing an area of attachment to any portion along the channel of the support frame.

17. (Original) The apparatus as defined in claim 16, further comprising means for controlling a humidity within the enclosure.

Please add the following new claims.

18. (New) A method of transporting, displaying and storing a work of art comprising:

forming a support frame from a plurality of elongated extrusions, wherein each extrusion includes a plurality of external mounting channels adapted to receive fasteners thereby providing an area of attachment to any portion along the mounting channels of the support frame, said plurality of extrusions each further including an interior slot formed by a pair of opposed walls,

mounting a support panel within at least one of said slots of the elongated extrusions to provide a mounting surface within said support frame; and  
mounting a work of art to said support panel.

19. (New) A method according to Claim 18, further comprising the step of:  
mounting at least one accessory part to the support frame by securing a fastener in the channel.

20. (New) A method according to Claim 19, wherein the accessory part protects the article.